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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 3677**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed July 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this document.

An **Appendix** including replacement figures and amended figures is attached following page 4 of this document.